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SUBJECT: U.S. AFRICA COMMAND HEAD: ALLAYING LIBYAN FEARS ON THE MISSION

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CLASSIFIED BY: Gene A. Cretz, Ambassador, Embassy Tripoli, Department of State. REASON: 1.4 (b), (d)

- 1.(S) Summary: On his first visit to Libya March 10-11, U.S. Africa Command's General William Ward explained the Command's mission to National
- 2.(S) Attendees - Libya: Dr. Muatassim al-Qadhafi, Amb. Ali Aujali, MFA Office of Americas Director Mohamed Matari, NSC Director Dr. Hend Siale
- 3.(S) Muatassim opened by expressing Libyan concern about the Africa Command's mission, including whether there were plans for American bases c
- 4.(S) Muatassim expressed his interest in seeing the Africa Command assist with the development of the North African Standby Force, providing i
- 5.(S) In response to Muatassim's question about the relationship between the Department of Defense and the Africa Command, Ward explained that
- 6.(S) Muatassim asked about the future of the military relationship between the U.S. and Libya, including prospects for upgrading the mil-mil M
- 7.(S) Muatassim stated that he hoped to have a response soon to the list of U.S. military equipment the Libyan delegation TRIPOLI 00000239 002.
- 8.(S) Muatassim expressed his thanks and said the relationship should be based on trust and understanding. Ward said they would work through th
- 9.(S) Comment: While General Ward's discussion went a long way toward alleviating some of the strong concerns the Libyans had expressed about U